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S. J. RES. 148

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States barring
Federal unfunded mandates to the States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 27 (legislative day, OCTOBER 13), 1993

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BOND, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. FAIRCLOTH,
Mr. GREGG, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr.
STEVENS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States barring Federal unfunded mandates to the States.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the
4 following article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes
6 as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legisla-
7 tures of three-fourths of the several States within seven
8 years after the date of its submission to the States for
9 ratification:

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “Except during a fiscal emergency declared in a joint
3 resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of each House of
4 Congress and signed by the President, the Government of
5 the United States shall not require, directly or indirectly,
6 that States or local governments take any action by or
7 under any Federal laws which require them to engage in
8 additional or expanded activities or services, unless such
9 State or local governments receive from the Government
10 of the United States compensation equal to the net addi-
11 tional costs. The duration of a fiscal emergency declared
12 in a joint resolution shall not exceed 180 days. This article
13 shall apply to Federal laws enacted on or after one year
14 after the date of ratification of this article of amend-
15 ment.”.

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